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*Modern Middle East*

Reading #3: pp 13-16 (“Arab Conquest & First Empire” & “First Civil War”)

Directions: Please carefully read pp. 13-16. After reading, answer the questions below and complete the Key Terms for these pages.

1. After Muhammad’s death, why was there a dispute over succession?
2. Describe what the first caliphs did to the Byzantine and Sasanian Empires.
3. “Even more stunning that the speed of [Islam’s] conquests was their durability.” Explain what this statement means.
4. Discuss the social, economic, and religious factors that eased local populations’ acceptance of Islamic rule.
5. How did Ali come to be caliph?
6. Describe the Kharijite vision of Islam and the origin of that vision.
7. Why was Ali’s caliphate significant (even if it was so short)?